



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 13 March 2007

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES–ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *March 12, Department of Energy* — Deputy Secretary Sell highlights cooperation in global energy security and nuclear non–proliferation in Moscow. Department of Energy Deputy Secretary of Energy Clay Sell on Monday, March 12, participated in the U.S. – Russia Energy

Working Group with Russian co-chair Ivan Materov, Deputy Minister of Industry and Energy, to discuss key energy cooperation between the nations. Deputy Secretary Sell is in Russia until Wednesday on the first stop of his three-nation swing, which will also take him to Ukraine and Georgia, to promote global energy security and nuclear non-proliferation. While in Russia, Deputy Secretary Sell is meeting with senior Russian officials and leaders of world energy companies and, on Wednesday, will deliver remarks on global perspectives on energy at the Carnegie Moscow Center. In addition, Deputy Secretary Sell is discussing the importance of promoting policies to ensure stable energy markets and a transparent global investment climate, and continued cooperation in combating nuclear terrorism. During his visit to Russia, Deputy Secretary Sell is expected to meet with Rosatom Director Sergei Kiriyenko where they will discuss the U.S. – Russia Civil Nuclear Energy Working Group. Deputy Secretary Sell is expected to address the importance of U.S. – Russia nuclear non-proliferation cooperation through the Bratislava Nuclear Security Initiative and Global Nuclear Energy Partnership. Source: <http://www.energy.gov/news/4873.htm>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

2. *March 12, Associated Press* — **Train carrying propane derailed and explodes.** A train carrying liquefied propane derailed Monday morning, March 12, setting off an explosion and fire that forced evacuations from a small central New York city and shut down a section of highway. The blast sent a huge fireball into the dawn sky. Thick smoke continued pouring out hours later as about half a dozen propane tanker cars burned, said Police Chief David Meeker. He said the explosion followed the derailment of about 15 of the train's 80 cars. The derailment occurred in an unpopulated area on Oneida's north side. Officials were evacuating an area of about a one-mile radius, covering most of the downtown area of the city of 10,000. Up to 4,000 people live within that area, but the evacuation was mandatory only for homes closest to the blast. A 23-mile stretch of the state Thruway, which passes within a mile of the explosion, was closed in both directions as a precaution. Amtrak suspended service between Syracuse and Albany. The CSX Corp. train that derailed was headed from Buffalo to Selkirk. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/03/12/train.explosion.ap/index.html>

3. *March 12, Associated Press* — **Tanker driver killed when rig overturns.** A Waynesville trucker is dead after the fuel tanker he was driving overturned on Interstate 26 and spilled nearly half of its eight-thousand gallon load in Asheville, NC. Morning commuters were detoured while I-26 was closed in both directions between the Airport Road and Biltmore Square Mall. Alternate routes were clogged. The state Highway Patrol says the driver was hauling gasoline for Shelton Oil and Transport. Source: <http://www.fox21.com/Global/story.asp?S=6213781&nav=2KPpREdQ>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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March 12, Washington Post — **Prince George's County: The new defense–contracting corridor?** To hear the top business people of Prince George's County, MD, tell it, the only reason the county hasn't become a technology hub or defense–contracting corridor is that it hasn't been marketed that way. It's 10 miles from the Pentagon, with easy access over the new Wilson Bridge. Prince George's has cheaper real estate than Northern Virginia and a lot more room to grow. And Andrews Air Force Base is the county's biggest employer, with 3,500 more military and related jobs coming under Pentagon plans. Because of all that (not to mention the fact that 60 percent of Prince George's residents leave the county for work every day), the area around Andrews should be designated a National Defense and Technology Corridor, the Prince George's County Business Roundtable suggested last week. With the designation and the creation of a special development district where suitable projects would be fast–tracked, incentives would be offered to lure companies to the corridor, the group said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/03/11/AR2007031101124.html>

5. *March 12, Boston Globe* — **War has proven value of small robots.** The war in Iraq has proven the lethal effectiveness of roadside bombs. But the war has also proven the value of a new tool to deal with the bombs: small, agile robots that disarm or detonate the bombs at the direction of soldiers who operate the robots from a safe distance. The Talon has emerged as one of stars of this new class of robots, which have begun to encourage new thinking about military applications for robots. "The old generation was big, slow, lumbering behemoths, and they were usually operated on a tether to relay commands," said Robert Quinn, vice president of Talon operations. There was also a perception that robots took jobs away from humans. Now, robots are seen as expendable helpers that protect human life. "This war has proven that small, fast, easy–to–operate robots save lives," Quinn said.

Source: http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2007/03/12/robots_going_in_harms_way/

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *March 12, Register (UK)* — **Nigerians launch fake London Metropolitan Police Website.** Nigerian scammers have launched a fake London Metropolitan Police Website, which includes a fake anti–terrorist hotline number. According to anti–advance fee fraud organization Ultrascan Advanced Global Investigations, the scam refers victims to an "official" Website that sells so–called "anti–terrorist certificates" which are needed to secure payments from abroad. In the past, fraudulent Anti–Terrorist Stop Order letters were purportedly issued by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The domain name for the new fake site, which looks strikingly similar to FinCEN's, was registered with Domainpeople Inc. last week.
- Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/03/12/nigerian_launch_fake_met_police_site/
7. *March 09, Department of Homeland Security* — **National Computer Forensic Institute unveiled.** The Department of Homeland Security and Alabama state officials unveiled, Friday, March 9, the National Computer Forensic Institute in Hoover, AL, that will assist in the field of computer forensics and digital evidence analysis. The institute will be developed by the U.S Secret Service and is partially funded by the department's National Cyber Security Division. It

will serve as a national cyber crimes training facility where state and local police officers, as well as prosecutors and judges, will be offered training and equipment. Law enforcement agencies routinely encounter computer or digital evidence and the level of training for state and local police departments is diverse. The facility will include classrooms, a computer forensic lab with an advanced research and development area, an evidence vault, storage and server rooms, public education exhibit space, and a conference room. Training will be based on the current U.S. Secret Service curriculum and include: basic electronic crimes investigation, network intrusion investigation and computer forensics.

Source: http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1173477460607.shtm

8. *March 09, Associated Press* — **Bank of Costa Rica detects phishing scam.** About 150 account holders of the Bank of Costa Rica fell for an Internet phishing scam and gave their personal information in response to a fraudulent e-mail that originated from China, officials said Friday, March 9. The bank posted a warning on its Website on Friday after detecting the scam late Thursday, officials said. The bank told its customers not to respond to e-mails asking them to send their personal bank information and clients should always go to the official Website. Security expert Christian Vargas told the newspaper La Nacion that the e-mail, which had lifted code from the bank's Website, originated from China. Bank manager Mario Rivera said that they have not received any complaints from people who responded to the e-mail, but he said his institution was looking into any possible damage it may have caused and will compensate those affected.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/fn/4616313.html>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

9. *March 12, USA TODAY* — **Riders crowd public transit systems.** Ridership on public transportation jumped to the highest level in nearly five decades in 2006 as high gas prices and expanded bus and train service enticed people to park their cars. More than 10 billion trips were taken on buses and rail lines last year, the American Public Transportation Association says in a report released Monday, March 12. The rise in 2006 came as gasoline prices increased, coming within pennies of the all-time record, not adjusted for inflation, reached following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. "Certainly, a lot of the growth last year was with the high gas prices," APTA President William Millar says. But Millar says a number of other factors, such as increased road congestion and improved transit service, were also likely in play. The increase in ridership has put some strains on local transit systems. Around the country, officials say they are trying to find ways to reduce crowding.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/money/autos/2007-03-12-transit-4-usa t_N.htm

10. *March 12, Associated Press* — **Text message triggers India hijack scare.** An airplane carrying 138 passengers returned to an eastern Indian city after a mobile phone text message from a passenger triggered a hijack scare, a news report said Monday, March 12. The message from a female passenger to a relative expressed fears about a possible hijack of the New Delhi-bound Indigo Airlines plane by a suspected terrorist on board, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said. The relative alerted air traffic control in Calcutta, which declared a security alert, it said. The plane returned to Calcutta's airport and was taken to an isolation bay

and searched by security forces, who found no threat. Police detained the passenger who had sent the message for questioning, PTI said.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2007-03-12-text-message-hijack-scare_N.htm

11. *March 12, Associated Press* — **Bus collision in Maryland injures dozens.** Two commuter buses collided in Montgomery County, MD, on Monday, March 12, injuring dozens of passengers, authorities said. The crash happened in the Wheaton area about 8:30 a.m. EDT, said Pete Piringer, a Montgomery County fire and rescue spokesperson. Forty people were taken to hospitals, and dozens were evaluated at the scene. One person suffered broken bones and the rest were being evaluated for bruises and other minor injuries, Piringer said. Metro spokesperson Steven Taubenkibel said a RideOn bus rear-ended a Metrobus, which was loading and unloading passengers.

Source: http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-bus0312.0.7095992_story?coll=bal-local-headlines

12. *March 12, North County Times (CA)* — **Plane diverted from San Diego.** A Delta Boeing 737 airplane on its way to San Diego from Salt Lake City was diverted to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Sunday, March 11, after crew members reported a problem with the flaps, authorities said. The plane landed "without incident" at LAX, said Tom Winfrey of LAX and Delta spokesperson Kent Landers. The crew of Flight 731 had reported that the flaps, which aid in landing, would not fully extend, Landers said.

Source: http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2007/03/12/news/sandiego/312_0765730.txt

13. *March 12, Department of Transportation* — **U.S. and Canada sign historic Open Skies agreement.** Passengers flying the skies between the U.S. and Canada will have more flight choices and lower fares thanks to a new aviation agreement signed on Monday, March 12, said U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters. The Secretary said the agreement will support growing trade and travel between the two countries. She noted that the total value of trade flowing across the U.S. and Canadian border has nearly tripled over the previous 16 years, growing from \$9 billion a year in 1990 to more than \$24 billion in 2006. Likewise, there has been an increase of more than two million passengers flying between the United States and Canada since 2003. The express air cargo industry will have the ability to drop-off freight in several cities on the other side of the border. In addition, they will be able to fly onto other destinations around the world from Canada, making it easier for companies to meet the growing demand for their services.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot2807.htm>

14. *March 11, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* — **Orlando security problem suggests airports may be weak against an inside job.** It took only a few thousand dollars to entice a Comair employee at Florida's Orlando International Airport to sneak 14 guns aboard a commercial flight to Puerto Rico last week, authorities say. But what if the stakes — and payoff — were higher? There's little doubt that well-financed terrorists could pull off something even more spectacular, said Isaac Yeffet, former security director for El Al Israel Airlines. Interviews with domestic airport officials and international consultants show major doubt in U.S. aviation's ability to avoid its most dangerous threat: an inside job. In the days after 9/11, airports across the United States scrambled to intensify screening of passengers and flight crews. Less

oversight was aimed at the thousands of workers who handle everything from loading baggage to serving hamburgers. But there are airports in the United States and abroad that have recognized the potential for disaster and are focusing strong security measures on employees as well as passengers. For example, Miami International Airport is held up as a national model for its nine-year-old program in which every worker is screened. The screening stations are operated separately from the Transportation Security Administration and were set up in 1998 after a drug-smuggling ring was discovered among airport workers.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/southflorida/sfl-fsec-ure11mar11%2C0%2C5837662.story?coll=sfla-home-headlines>

15. *March 10, Financial Express (India)* — **Crude explosive, timer found in Indian train station.** Crude explosive material and timer devices were detected from inside the passenger compartment of a local train in Howrah station on Saturday afternoon, March 10. The police are yet to ascertain whether the explosives were meant to go off in the crowded Gudap-bound local or were being transported to some other destination. The bomb-detection squad found explosive, three batteries, wires, and a watch from the cardboard box. The squad later took the material for further examination. According to Alokesh Roy, station manager, Howrah, passengers detected the cardboard box in the train's sixth compartment. Left unattended, the box was kept under a passenger seat, he said. Roy said, "We have increased security cover at the station after the incident. We have no information yet about the type of bomb or whether it was live."

Source: <http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=226118>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

16. *March 12, Meatinfo.co* — **South America takes action over foot-and-mouth disease.**

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) multination sanitary missions will take action in the second half of March along the common borders of Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil and Bolivia, where FMD is endemic Uruguayan authorities revealed. Francisco Muzio, head of Livestock Services at the Uruguayan Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, said the border area in the heart of South America had seen a repeat of the same FMD strain over the past decade. Muzio said: "The Agriculture Council of the south, made up of Mercosur member countries, is meeting in Santa Cruz, Bolivia to address the issue and decide on definitive measures. "All the region's agriculture ministers and heads of animal health departments will be present."

Source: <http://www.meatinfo.co.uk/articles/28900/South-America-takes-action-over-FMD.aspx?categoryid=212>

17. *March 09, Associated Press* — **Washington cow deaths investigated.** State animal health officials are investigating reports of dead cows at a Stevens County dairy farm, a Washington

state Department of Agriculture spokesperson said Thursday, March 8. The investigation by state Veterinarian Leonard Eldridge was in the initial stages, Jason Kelly said. "We don't have any information that would lead us to identify one cause of illness or death," Kelly said. The investigation was prompted by reports that dead animals were seen at the dairy. Kelly declined to give details, including how many animals were involved, whether there were actual deaths or to identify the dairy. Officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Food and Drug Administration were aiding the investigation.

Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/130/story/69499.html>

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Food Sector

18. *March 12, Reuters* — China to set up food safety system amid scares. China will set up a food safety information system to keep people better informed, a health ministry spokesperson said on Monday, March 12, after a spate of scares over everything from fake baby milk to carcinogenic fish. "We must pay attention to hygiene and safety of the public's food and drink, and at the same time guarantee the timely, accurate, authoritative and scientific release of information," Mao Qunan told a news conference. But Mao did not say when the system might start working or what form it might take. Last August, nearly 40 people in Beijing contracted meningitis after they ate raw or partially cooked snails at a chain of Sichuan restaurants. In 2004, a major health scandal erupted when China revealed that at least 13 babies had died from malnutrition in the country's impoverished eastern province of Anhui after being fed fake baby milk.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/PEK19744.htm>

19. *March 11, Maine Sunday Telegram* — Getting the goods on tainted food. Just as police use DNA to link a suspect with a crime scene, public health investigators are using the unique genes of individual bacteria strains to trace food-borne illness outbreaks to their source. That information is helping authorities to quickly identify the source of outbreaks and how far they have spread. Experts say the ability to move fast is essential to protecting the national public health given the scale of modern food production and distribution. Some outbreaks are hard to avoid. Peanut butter from a single plant in Georgia might be shipped all over the country, contaminated spinach from a California farm can show up on East Coast grocery shelves, and tainted hamburger from a single cow can turn up in hundreds, if not thousands, of packages of hamburger.

Source: <http://pressherald.mainetoday.com/news/state/070311genetics.html>

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

20. *March 12, Agence France–Presse* — **India to give polio vaccinations.** Indian health officials said Monday, March 12, they aim to vaccinate about 95 million children against polio this week as part of a drive to eradicate the disease, which made a comeback last year. "We had health workers across the country vaccinate millions of children during the start of the week–long Pulse Polio Campaign." India recorded 674 cases of polio from across the country in 2006, up from a low of 66 registered with the health ministry in 2005. Those involved in the immunization drive said 90 percent of the 674 polio cases came from the densely populated towns and villages in western Uttar Pradesh. Health officials and volunteers in the area said their vaccination plans had been obstructed by sections of the majority Muslim community, who feared the polio vaccine would render their children sterile.
Global Polio Eradication Initiative: <http://www.polioeradication.org/>
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070312/hl_afp/healthpolioindia_070312085231;_ylt=AswT9EVGQnTOIVN5l8ETaPCJOrgF
21. *March 12, Reuters* — **Indonesian woman suffering from bird flu.** A 20–year–old Indonesian woman who is in hospital in critical condition has been confirmed to be suffering from bird flu, an official at the national bird flu center said on Monday, March 12. The woman from East Java, who is on a respirator in a hospital in Surabaya, had cleaned an area where her neighbor had dumped a lot of dead chickens, Joko Suyono, a data analyst at the center in Jakarta, said. Indonesia, which has millions of backyard fowl, has had 63 human deaths from bird flu, the highest in the world.
Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/JAK294109.htm>
22. *March 12, Integrated Regional Information Networks News* — **New bird flu cases confirmed in Afghanistan.** Thirteen new cases of bird flu have been detected in Afghanistan bringing the number of confirmed cases in the country to 17 for this year, health officials said. "Nine dead birds were diagnosed with the H5N1 strain [of avian influenza] in five districts of [eastern] Nangarhar and Kunar provinces," said Assadullah Azhari, a spokesperson for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Kabul. According to FAO — which has set up a bird flu diagnostic laboratory in Kabul — four other cases were identified in backyard poultry in the capital. Prior to this, four cases of the H5N1 strain of the virus were reported on February 24 in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces, which border Pakistan.
Source: <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=70643>
23. *March 09, United Press International* — **New malaria treatment.** Australian scientists say they have discovered an effective treatment for a type of malaria found in the Asia–Pacific region. Researchers at the Northern Territory Menzies School of Health Research told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. the treatment for the vivax strain of malaria has been successfully tested in Papua New Guinea. The senior member of the team, Richard Price, said the treatment combines a Chinese herbal extract with an anti–malarial drug currently being used to fight the more deadly strain of the disease in Africa. Price said 40 percent of the world's population is at risk of vivax malaria and there are nearly 250 million cases a year in the Asia–Pacific region.
Source: http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Science/Aussie_scientists_new_malaria_treatment/20070309-034749-5894r/

Government Sector

24. *March 12, Honolulu Advertiser* — 'Chemical reaction' devices go off at University of

Hawaii dorm. Students in the Johnson Hall dormitory on the University of Hawaii–Manoa campus woke Sunday night, March 11, to the sound of explosions. At 11:58 p.m. local time, students reported explosion sounds coming from just outside the dormitory. When they went to inspect, they found plastic bottles on the lawn and in the dormitory hall and called police. One of the students who found the bottles was injured when he picked a bottle up and tilted it back to look inside. When he did, police said a chemical spilled into his eye. He washed his eye with water immediately and was treated by Emergency Services crews on the scene. Seven chemical reaction devices were found, five that had exploded and two that were disrupted.

Source: http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2007/Mar/12/br/br2_097651834.html

Emergency Services Sector

25. *March 09, Government Accountability Office* — GAO–07–395T: Homeland Security:

Preparing for and Responding to Disasters (Testimony). The Post–Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 stipulates major changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to improve the agency's preparedness for and response to catastrophic disasters. For example, the act establishes a new mission for and new leadership positions within FEMA. As the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has reported, DHS faces continued challenges, including clearly defining leadership roles and responsibilities, developing necessary disaster response capabilities, and establishing accountability systems to provide effective response while also protecting against waste, fraud, and abuse. This testimony discusses the extent to which DHS has taken steps to overcome these challenges. This testimony summarizes earlier GAO work on: (1) leadership, response capabilities, and accountability controls; (2) organizational changes provided for in the Post–Katrina Reform Act; and (3) disaster management issues for continued Congressional attention. This testimony contains no new recommendations but does identify issues that Congress and DHS may wish to give continued attention to so that FEMA may more effectively fulfill the requirements of the Post–Katrina Reform Act.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07395thigh.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-395T>

26. *March 09, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — FEMA's FY 2008 budget request.

The fiscal year (FY) 2008 budget request represents the first combined budget to incorporate the components of the Department of Homeland Security's Preparedness Directorate that transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as directed by the FY 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. As such, analyses of the requested \$8.02 billion in funding requested presents a cohesive picture of how the newly redesigned FEMA will be funded and operate. The FY 2008 budget request reflects the first year of a three-year phased

approach that will improve the core competencies necessary to meet FEMA's commitment to serve the public and be the Nation's Preeminent Emergency Management Agency. The budget request includes two key elements associated with the reorganization of FEMA under the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act: 1) A \$100 million increase for FEMA's Vision Initiatives, including staffing increases, new technologies, and targeted investment in equipment and supplies that will support emergency management efforts across preparedness, protection, response, and recovery. 2) The transfer of \$48 million from the Disaster Relief Fund to the Operations, Planning and Support account to convert FEMA's Cadre of On-Call Response Employee positions with four-year terms into permanent full-time employees.

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=34749>

27. *March 09, U.S. Army* — USNORTHCOM takes part in annual communications exercise.

As the military combatant command charged with defending the American homeland, one of U.S. Northern Command's (USNORTHCOM's) missions is providing defense support of civil authorities, such as support to state and local first responders, as directed by the president or secretary of defense during a national emergency. Having Department of Defense personnel and their civilian counterparts working side-by-side at incident scenes means that everyone needs to be able to talk to each other. And that means having compatible communications equipment. To that end, USNORTHCOM is participating throughout this month in the annual Department of Defense Interoperability Communications Exercise, or DICE. One of USNORTHCOM's subordinate commands, Joint Task Force Civil Support, is hosting part of the exercise at Fort Monroe, VA, while other participants are at Fort Huachuca, AZ. DICE participants include personnel and equipment from each of the military services and the Coast Guard, the National Guard, the Department of Homeland Security and state and local agencies.

Source: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2007/03/09/2198-usnorthcom-takes-part-in-annual-dice-exercise/>

28. *March 08, Government Technology* — North Central Texas Council of Governments launches data sharing network for statewide crime analysis.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments announced Thursday, March 8, the launch of its Law Enforcement Analysis Portal (LEAP), a potential statewide multi-jurisdictional crime analysis system designed to concurrently analyze incident and offender information from the more than 2,500 law enforcement agencies across the state of Texas. Created as a shared resource for the benefit of all officers in law enforcement agencies in Texas, the LEAP network includes computer statistics analysis and reporting modules reputed for having led to the reduction in major crime in New York City over the past decade; a "search list" capability that continuously seeks information from the entire LEAP network in search of offenders, similar incidents or attributes of a crime; and a complete suite of geospatial analysis and visualization tools to assist officers during the investigation of crimes.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=104316>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

29. *March 12, Federal Computer Week* — Intelligence community embraces Web 2.0 tools. The Information Sharing Environment (ISE) that the country's 2004 terrorism prevention act

mandated is beginning to take shape in a loose policy framework established by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. But intelligence experts say social-networking technologies for sharing intelligence information—wikis, blogs and mashups, for example—are developing faster than the policies governing their use. The gap is real, said Ambassador Thomas McNamara, who leads 25 employees at ODNI headquarters and works with the Information Sharing Council, a representative board of federal departments that hold intelligence assets. “The technology is sitting there waiting to be used, but a whole series of decisions have to be made at the policy level.” In November 2006, McNamara released a long-awaited implementation plan for the ISE that reveals how the government will implement the intelligence-sharing provision of the 2004 law. McNamara said that information sharing is fairly well-established within intelligence agencies but less so among agencies. “What we’re doing is adding the next level,” he said. That requires creating standards for broader cooperation and managing access to various levels of classified information. The ISE’s information technology architecture will conform to the Office of Management and Budget’s federal enterprise architecture, McNamara said.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article97883-03-12-07-Print>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

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General Sector

30. *March 12, Reuters* — Arson cause of California wildfire. A fast-moving wildfire that blackened 2,000 acres and forced the evacuation of more than 1,200 southern California residents was arson, authorities said on Monday, March 12. "This is an arson fire," Capt. Steve Miller of the Orange County Fire Authority told a news conference. He said the blaze began when a stolen vehicle was set on fire, igniting nearby brush. Two buildings were destroyed and two homes were damaged in the fire, which threatened an upscale Anaheim Hills neighborhood in Orange County, about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Miller said the fire was 80 percent contained as of Monday, and should be fully contained by Tuesday morning.

Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN11271075200_70312

31. *March 12, Washington Post* — Terrorists proving harder to profile. Terrorism suspects from atypical backgrounds are becoming increasingly common in Western Europe. The demographics of those being arrested are so diverse that many European counterterrorism

officials and analysts say they have given up trying to predict what sorts of people are most likely to become terrorists. Age, sex, ethnicity, education and economic status have become more and more irrelevant. A recently completed Dutch study of 242 Islamic radicals convicted or accused of planning terrorist attacks in Europe from 2001 to 2006 found that most were men of Arab descent who had been born and raised in Europe and came from lower or middle-class backgrounds. They ranged in age from 16 to 59 at the time of their arrests; the average was 27. About one in four had a criminal record. The author of the study, Edwin Bakker, a researcher at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague, determined that, in general, no reliable profile existed—their traits were merely an accurate reflection of the overall Muslim immigrant population in Europe. Indeed, there are clear signs that al Qaeda cells and affiliates are intentionally recruiting supporters from nontraditional backgrounds as a way to avoid detection, according to European intelligence officials and analysts.

Study: <http://www.clingendael.nl/cscp/publications/?id=6480&&type=summary>

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/03/11/AR2007031101618.html>

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